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EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 9, 1974

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I wish to transmit herewith the following message from His Excellency Kakuei Tanaka, Prime Minister of Japan, to the President of the United States:

"Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I wish to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations on your assumption of office as the Thirty-eighth President of the United States of America.

I am confident that your wisdom and experience will prove to be of great benefit not only to the Government and people of the United States, but to the whole world in bringing about world peace and prosperity.

I recall with pleasure my encounter with you in the U.S. Congress on the occasion of my visit to Washington a year ago, and look forward to working closely with you in our common efforts to enrich our partnership in global perspective.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Kakuei Tanaka
Prime Minister of Japan"

I should be grateful if you would be good enough to forward the message to the President.

Sincerely yours,

Takeshi Yasukawa
Takeshi Yasukawa
Ambassador of Japan

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
The Secretary of State



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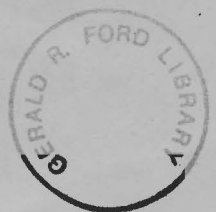
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1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GENERAL FRANCO. IF RECIPIENT NOT AVAILBABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR GENERAL FRANCO:

AS I SSSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES I WANT TO TAKE THIS EARLY OCCASION TO GIVE YOU MY VIEWS ON QUESTIONS WHICH MAY CONCERN YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

LET ME BEGIN BY ASSURING YOU THAT THE FABRIC OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM REMAINS INTACT AND THAT THE CONDUCT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WILL BE MARKED BY CONTINUITY IN THE POLICIES INITIATED BY PRESIDENT NIXON. WE WILL BE STEADFAST IN THIS. TO INSURE THIS CONTINUITY I HAVE ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO STAY ON AS SECRETARY OF STATE. HE ENJOYS MY FULL SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE. THE TRADITIONAL TIES WHICH HAVE MARKED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN



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OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WHICH WERE ENUNCIATED AGAIN IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SIGNED ONLY LAST MONTH WILL CONTINUE TO BE HONORED BY MY GOVERNMENT. AND, COMING AS I DO FROM MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, I WANT TO AFFIRM THAT THE OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY OF MY ADMINISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A BIPARTISAN BASIS AND, I AM CONFIDENT, WITH WIDE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

I TAKE UP MY NEW DUTIES WITH A HEAVY HEART, FOR I SUCCEED AN MAN WHOSE ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOREIGN POLICY HAVE BEEN MOST NOTABLE AND WILL REMAIN AS MONUMENTS TO HIS STATESMANSHIP. AT THE SAME TIME, I AM PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT ALL FREE MEN ARE CERTAIN TO ADMIRE, NAMELY, THE ABILITY OF THIS GREAT NATION TO MAKE A MAJOR CHANGE OF THIS MAGNITUDE AND STILL RETAIN THE STRENGTH OF ITS SOCIETY. YOU AS A FRIEND SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT OUR ADVERSARIES CAN BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AS TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO DEFEND ITS OWN INTERESTS AND TO STAND BY OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS.

I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU AND THE SPANISH PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH MY GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTIVELY AND COOPERATIVELY IN THE YEARS AHEAD. I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUANCE OF THE CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE YEARS. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.
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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

ON MY ASSUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY PERSONAL ASSURANCES AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ITALY THAT UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN THE FIRM TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE THAT HAVE SO LONG CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY WHICH AS YOU KNOW, MR. PRIME MINISTER, HAS OVER THE YEARS ENJOYED THE STRONGEST BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. I ATTACH PARTICULAR

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IMPORTANCE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH ITALY AND IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT TOGETHER WE SHALL MOVE FORWARD IN OUR ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING WORLD PEACE.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO CONTINUE IN THAT OFFICE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS MY FULLEST CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER



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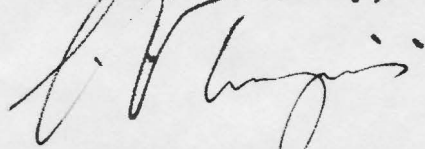
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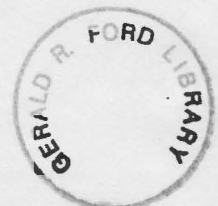
I wish to express to you, Mr. Ambassador, my grateful feelings, and I remain

Yours sincerely,



Giulio Tamagnini
Charge' d'Affaires a.i.

Ambassador Henry E. Catto
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WASHINGTON, D.C.



AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Al Presidente Gerald R. Ford

Nel momento in cui Ella assume la suprema carica di Presidente degli Stati Uniti d'America desidero inviarLe, a nome del Governo Italiano e mio personale, l'augurio piu' fervido per il successo della sua alta missione. Sono certo che essa vedra' ulteriormente rafforzati i vincoli di profonda amicizia che uniscono i nostri due Paesi, nonche' la nostra collaborazione, sia sul piano delle relazioni bilaterali sia nel quadro dell'Alleanza Atlantica ed in ogni altra sede utile, per contribuire alla salvaguardia ed al rafforzamento della pace nel mondo.

Mariano Rumor

Presidente del Consiglio
dei Ministri



AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA

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(Unofficial Translation)

To President Gerald Ford

At the time when you are assuming your high office as the President of the United States of America, I wish to address to you, on behalf of the Italian Government and for myself personally, the very best wishes for the success of your task. I am certain that in the course of your mandate we will witness the further tightening of the friendly bonds that link our two Countries, as well as of our cooperation , on the bilateral plan, in the framework of the Atlantic Alliance, and in all other suitable forums, towards the safeguard and the strengthening of world peace.

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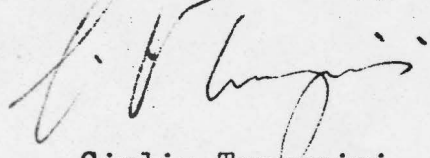
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
I WANT AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS TO ASSURE YOU
OF MY FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES
THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PURSUING IN ITS INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS. FOREMOST AMONG THOSE POLICIES ARE THE BUILDING
OF A STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD, WHICH MUST INCLUDE
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE
TRADITIONALLY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN





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AND THE UNITED STATES.

YOUR MAJESTY KNOWS US WELL. YOU KNOW THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS SOUNDLY BASED ON THE

SUPPORT OF BOTH OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, AND THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY AND BIPARTISANSHIP IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DEEP ROOTS IN THE TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA. NO PRINCIPLE WILL BE MORE CENTRAL TO THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION. I WANT TO PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I AM FULLY COMMITTED TO HONORING ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AS WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE, WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER, OUR DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY LOOKING TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE SHALL DO SO WITH THE SAME VIGOR THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

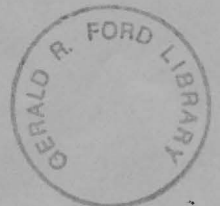
FINALLY, YOUR MAJESTY, I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK AND TO THE OPPORTUNITY IT WILL OFFER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU PERSONALLY OUR COMMON HOPES FOR PEACE AND FOR A STRONG AND PROSPEROUS JORDAN UNDER YOUR WISE AND FAR-SIGHTED LEADERSHIP.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I TAKE UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM AS ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WRITING YOU TO ASSURE YOU AND OTHER FRIENDS OF MY FIRM DEDICATION TO THE POLICIES THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PURSUING IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

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FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING AND STRENGTHENING THE CLOSE RELATIONS WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE YEARS. YOUR WISE LEADERSHIP AND YOUR STATESMANLIKE POSITIONS ON GLOBAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN HIGHLY VALUED HERE, AND I AM SURE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF SATISFACTION TO US BOTH.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY AND SECRETARIAT FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY TO MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD, DELIVERED YESTERDAY BY AMBASSADOR JOVA, WAS TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO WHITE HOUSE BY TELEGRAM. BOTH PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY PUBLISHED WIDELY IN MEXICO CITY PRESS ON AUGUST 10. TEXT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S MESSAGE, IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION, FOLLOWS.

2. TEXT

"NATIONAL PALACE, AUGUST 9, 1974.

DISTINGUISHED MISTER PRESIDENT:

THROUGH THE KIND ACTION OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA, I HAVE RECEIVED THE CORDIAL MESSAGE WHICH YOU SENT ME ON THIS DATE, AN ACTION WHICH I CONSIDER A SPECIAL ATTENTION TOWARD MY COUNTRY.

IN EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION FOR THIS KINDNESS (SP. DEFERENCIA), I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SATISFACTION FOR THE PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE PROCEEDED CLEARLY TO MAKE KNOWN YOUR INTENTION THAT THE PREVAILING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE AND PROSPER. I ALSO TOOK NOTE, WITH PLEASURE, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FAIL TO HONOR ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND THAT IT WILL DEDICATE ITSELF TO THE GREAT CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD.

IN CONGRATULATING YOU UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE (SP. EL MAS RELEVANTE CARGO) OF YOUR COUNTRY AND WISHING YOU A BRILLIANT SUCCESS IN YOUR ACTIONS, I TRUST, AS DO YOU, THAT THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THOSE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION FOR THE WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH PEOPLES.

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I ALSO EXPRESS TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR HAVING CONFIRMED AS SECRETARY OF STATE DOCTOR HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED A KEEN INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING IN DEPTH THE PRESENT RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO RAISE THEM TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING AND RECIPROCAL BENEFIT.

VERY CORDIALLY,
LUIS ECHEVERRIA."

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1. ON NIGHT AUGUST 12 PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY DABOUL CONVEYED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASAD TO PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE OCCASION OF TAKING UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS BEST WISHES FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN YOUR LOFTY RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. QTE: I WISH TO THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR MESSAGE, AND TO WELCOME YOUR AFFIRMATION OF EVERYTHING TOLD US BY YOUR PREDECESSOR PRESIDENT NIXON, AND YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER, PARTICULARLY THE STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. QTE: AS WE WELCOME THIS INITIAL STAND, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT, ON OUR PART, WE HAVE DONE AND ARE STILL WILLING TO DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA, ON THE BASIS OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338 OF 1973.

5. QTE: AT THE SAME TIME, I WELCOME YOUR ASSURANCE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS SHARE IN BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC WHICH HAS BEEN LAID. YOU CAN REST

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ASSURED THAT WE SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO DEVELOP THESE RELATIONS TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES, TO SERVE THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE GOAL OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA.

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FROM BOURGUIBA

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BOURGUIBA:
QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA, TUNIS,
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE
ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
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QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND
TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. FYI: THE FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF CABLE FROM
PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO PRESIDENT FORD RECEIVED BY WHITE
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IT IS MY FIRM HOPE THAT UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO SAFEGUARD PEACE, CONSOLIDATE DETENTE, AND ELIMINATE AREAS OF TENSION IN THE WORLD WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHERE AN INITIATIVE-AIMED AT A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION, BASED ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THAT REGION'S PEOPLES, PARTICULARLY THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THEIR COUNTRY.

THE EFFORTS OF ALL INVOLVED, AND FIRST AND FOREMOST OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, MUST BE PURSUED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR THE RETURN OF PEACE TO THIS SORELY TRIED REGION.

MAY GOD ASSIST YOU IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF YOUR HIGH MISSION AND CROWN YOUR EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS. END QUOTE NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY GOT. KISSINGER



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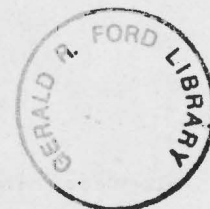
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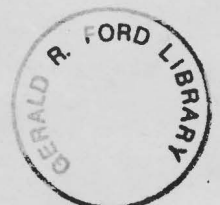
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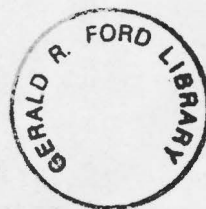
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Я получил Ваше послание от 9 августа. Скажу прямо, я и мои коллеги с удовлетворением восприняли высказанную Вами решимость продолжать политику, имеющую цель сохранить и развивать дальше все то доброе, что удалось уже сделать в отношениях между нашими государствами при Вашем предшественнике — президенте Р.Никсоне.

Такой подход совпадает и с нашим курсом в советско-американских отношениях. Хотел бы со всей определенностью подчеркнуть Вам лично, г-н Президент, что мы полны решимости и дальше строить свои отношения с США в расчете на долгосрочную, стабильную перспективу. Поддержание с Соединенными Штатами Америки отношений мира и сотрудничества на основе полного равенства и взаимной выгоды — это принципиальная линия Советского Союза и она остается неизменной.

При этом мы убеждены, что чем лучше и стабильнее будут отношения между СССР и США, как наиболее могущественными

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державами, тем надежнее будет мир на земле, тем реальнее будет возможность полностью устранить угрозу ядерной катастрофы, а, стало быть, тем лучше будет для всех народов мира.

Хорошо известно, что для осуществления того поворота, который совершен в отношениях между СССР и США в последние годы, понадобились энергичные и целенаправленные усилия обеих сторон. Ясно и то, что дальнейшее продвижение по пути разрядки и улучшения отношений между нашими странами — дело не простое. Но мы из этого делаем только один вывод: необходимо не ослаблять, а настойчиво наращивать усилия, направленные на закрепление достигнутого, на дальнейшее развитие и углубление коренной перестройки советско-американских отношений.

Судя по Вашему посланию, по Вашим доверительным высказываниям, переданным мне, а также по публичным заявлениям, сделанным Вами уже в качестве президента США, у нас с Вами есть общее понимание именно в главном — в том, куда вести дело в советско-американских отношениях. А это — весьма существенно. Давайте, господин Президент, действовать сообща в этом большом и важном деле.

Есть у нас и установившиеся каналы для откровенного обмена мнениями по всем возникающим вопросам. Со своей стороны мы считаем эти каналы вполне эффективными и намерены, как и Вы, и впредь пользоваться ими.

Благодарю Вас, господин Президент, за подтверждение приглашения посетить США в следующем году с официальным визитом. Я намерен воспользоваться этим приглашением. О конкретном сроке моего визита в США можно будет условиться позже. Разумеется, мы



исходим из того, что затем и Вы совершите официальный визит в Советский Союз.

Вместе с тем я, как и Вы, считаю, что интересам дела отвечала бы наша с Вами рабочая встреча еще до конца текущего года где-нибудь, так сказать, на нейтральной почве. Опыт показывает, насколько полезными и ценными являются личные контакты. Относительно деталей организации такой встречи, с учетом развития событий, договориться, по-моему, труда не составит.

В заключение хотел бы сказать, господин Президент, что мне и моим коллегам хорошо понятна та огромная ответственность, которая ложится на плечи руководителя великого государства, и мы желаем Вам успешной и плодотворной деятельности на Вашем высоком посту.

С уважением

Л. БРЕЖНЕВ

Москва, Кремль

II августа 1974 г.



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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. GENERAL SECRETARY:

UPON ASSUMING OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I WANTED TO BE IN IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH YOU TO SHARE MY VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING ALONG THE COURSE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS THAT YOU AND PRESIDENT NIXON HAVE CHARTED IN YOUR SUMMIT MEETINGS, IN THE AGREEMENTS THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE REACHED, AND IN THE GENERAL SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WE HAVE ESTABLISHED. I HAVE NATURALLY PARTICIPATED AS VICE PRESIDENT IN THE DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO THE MOST RECENT MEETINGS WITH YOU IN MOSCOW AND DISCUSSED THE RESULTS WITH BOTH PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, I HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED IN OUR CONGRESS THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PRESIDENT NIXON THROUGHOUT HIS



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I VALUE THE INTIMATE AND OPEN EXCHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE SUMMIT CONFERENCES. I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED REMAIN OPEN AT ANY TIME.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICIES. HE HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT.

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державами, тем надежнее будет мир на земле, тем реальнее будет возможность полностью устранить угрозу ядерной катастрофы, а, стало быть, тем лучше будет для всех народов мира.

Хорошо известно, что для осуществления того поворота, который совершен в отношениях между СССР и США в последние годы, понадобились энергичные и целенаправленные усилия обеих сторон. Ясно и то, что дальнейшее продвижение по пути разрядки и улучшения отношений между нашими странами — дело не простое. Но мы из этого делаем только один вывод: необходимо не ослаблять, а настойчиво наращивать усилия, направленные на закрепление достигнутого, на дальнейшее развитие и углубление коренной перестройки советско-американских отношений.

Судя по Вашему посланию, по Вашим доверительным высказываниям, переданным мне, а также по публичным заявлениям, сделанным Вами уже в качестве президента США, у нас с Вами есть общее понимание именно в главном — в том, куда вести дело в советско-американских отношениях. А это — весьма существенно. Давайте, господин Президент, действовать сообща в этом большом и важном деле.

Есть у нас и установившиеся каналы для откровенного обмена мнениями по всем возникающим вопросам. Со своей стороны мы считаем эти каналы вполне эффективными и намерены, как и Вы, и впредь пользоваться ими.

Благодарю Вас, господин Президент, за подтверждение приглашения посетить США в следующем году с официальным визитом. Я намерен воспользоваться этим приглашением. О конкретном сроке моего визита в США можно будет условиться позже. Разумеется, мы



исходим из того, что затем и Вы совершите официальный визит в Советский Союз.

Вместе с тем я, как и Вы, считаю, что интересам дела отвечала бы наша с Вами рабочая встреча еще до конца текущего года где-нибудь, так сказать, на нейтральной почве. Опыт показывает, насколько полезными и ценными являются личные контакты. Относительно деталей организации такой встречи, с учетом развития событий, договориться, по-моему, труда не составит.

В заключение хотел бы сказать, господин Президент, что мне и моим коллегам хорошо понятна та огромная ответственность, которая ложится на плечи руководителя великого государства, и мы желаем Вам успешной и плодотворной деятельности на Вашем высоком посту.

С уважением

Л. БРЕЖНЕВ

Москва, Кремль

II августа 1974 г.



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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I HAVE WITH GREAT APPRECIATION RECEIVED YOUR KIND MESSAGE
AND I FULLY RECIPROCATE YOUR WISHES FOR CONTINUED GOOD
RELATIONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND
PEOPLES ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMING OF THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I EXTEND TO YOU MY WARM
CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL BEING

AND THE PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

KRISTJAN ELDJARN
PRESIDENT OF ICELAND



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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ELDJARN. IF RECIPIENT NOT AVAILABLE, DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS I ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY I WISH TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ASSURE YOU OF MY ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE SO LONG ENJOYED. AS ALLIES AND FRIENDS WE HAVE PASSED THROUGH TROUBLED TIMES TOGETHER, AND EVEN HAD OUR DIFFERENCES, BUT WE SHARE THE LARGER GOALS OF PEACE AND SECURITY, AND THESE WILL BE THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE SO AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICIES. HE HAS MY FULL CON-



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FIDENCE AND SUPPORT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR COOPERATIVE
RELATIONSHIP IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR
GOVERNMENTS AND OUR PEOPLE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
END TEXT.
KISSINGER

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS YOU TAKE UP YOUR HEAVY AND VITAL TASK, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE ASSURED OF MY FULL AND EARNEST SUPPORT IN ALL THAT LIES AHEAD.

I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND IN OUR NATO OPERATIONS A POWERFUL REINFORCEMENT AND FULFILLMENT OF THE GREAT OBJECTIVES OF DURABLE PEACE AND STABLE SECURITY TO WHICH WE ARE ALL DEDICATED. THE AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE STAND READY AT ALL TIMES TO CARRY OUT FAITHFULLY YOUR DIRECTIONS AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

MY WIFE AND I JOIN IN EXTENDING BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

WITH GREAT RESPECT,
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) ANDREW J. GOODPASTER
A. J. GOODPASTER
GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY
SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO PRESIDENT FORD IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9: BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ASSUMING THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN YOUR GREAT COUNTRY; I WISH YOU FULL SUCCESS IN YOUR HARD TASK, FOR THE SAKE NOT ONLY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT ALSO OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU WARMLY FOR THE MESSAGE YOU SENT ME. I WAS PARTICULARLY MOVED BY THE FACT THAT, DESPITE THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU ASSUMED YOUR HIGH DUTIES, SOME OF YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS TURNED TO GREECE AND TO ME PERSONALLY.

THE DIFFICULTIES I FACE AND FOR WHICH YOU SHOWED SUCH A CLOSE SYMPATHY ARE GREAT INDEED. I TOOK OVER THE TASK OF GOVERNING MY COUNTRY IN EXTREMELY CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. I BELIEVE THAT MY DUTY IS, ON THE ONE HAND TO RELIEVE MY COUNTRY FROM THE HARDSHIPS OF MANY YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP AND LEAD HER TO A HEALTHY AND RESPONSIBLE DEMOCRACY; ON THE OTHER HAND TO DELIVER HER FROM THE DANGEROUS TENSIONS AND AGONY CAUSED BY THE TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS. THE NEED OF A SIMULTANEOUS SOLUTION TO BOTH THOSE PROBLEMS DETERMINES THEIR MAGNITUDE AND CRITICAL CONDITION.

IN THESE DIFFICULT MOMENTS THE PROMPTNESS YOU DISPLAYED IN SHOWING YOUR INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING STRENGTHENS MY HOPES THAT ALL THE NEEDED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE BY YOUR COUNTRY AND YOU PERSONALLY, SO THAT PEACE AND JUSTICE

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WILL BE SECURED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERANEAN REGION NOW IN DANGER. IF THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THE GREEK PEOPLE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO BUILD UNDIVERTEDLY ON THEIR OWN A REAL AND MODERN DEMOCRACY WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.

THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR ASPIRATION WILL CERTAINLY CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT SUCCESS FOR THE WHOLE FREE WORLD, A SUCCESS WHICH I AM SURE WILL ALSO REFLECT ON YOUR COUNTRY, AS A LEADING POWER UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

WITH WARMEST WISHES,

SINCERELY YOURS,

CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS END TEXT.

COMMENT: FONOFF SECTY GEN VLACHOS CALLED AMBASSADOR TO SAY GOG WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES AND HOPED THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO UST. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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